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§9-659.

(a) (1) The sanitary commission shall connect the water system or sewerage system to any parcel:

- (i) Whose owner requests the connection;
- (ii) That does not abut a way in which a water pipe or sewer pipe is laid; and
- (iii) That is not the subject of a benefit assessment levied under § 9-657 or § 9-658 of this subtitle.

(2) However, the Sanitary Commission of Worcester County may also construct or permit the construction of a connector to any parcel described under paragraph (1) at a time and in a manner that it determines to be appropriate.

(b) The sanitary commission shall classify the parcel and determine a front-foot charge on the parcel as if the parcel abutted on a way in which a water pipe or sewer pipe is laid.

(c) When a connection is made under this section, the owner of the parcel has the same rights and duties and the district has the same remedies as to the benefit assessment that apply to benefit assessments under §§ 9-657 and 9-658 of this subtitle.

(d) Payment of a benefit assessment made under this section:

- (1) Is due when levied by the sanitary commission;
- (2) Is in default 60 days after the payment is due; and
- (3) When in default, bears interest from the date of default:
 - (i) In Allegany and Somerset counties, at the rate set by the respective Sanitary Commission; and
 - (ii) In all other counties, at the rate of 0.5 percent a month.

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